

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Pressure~~ A pressure limiting device for ~~the an~~ hydraulic braking circuit of a vehicle ~~wherein it comprises comprising:~~ a leaktight housing (1) hydraulically connected between ~~the~~ braking components of ~~the a~~ front wheel or wheels and ~~the~~ braking components of a back wheel or wheels, said housing (1) having means (2) ~~and arrangements capable of for~~ allowing the passage of hydraulic fluid in the braking components of the back wheel or wheels until an adjustable set pressure is reached and then ~~of for~~ releasing this pressure ~~which to decreases decrease pressure~~ in the said braking components of the back wheel or wheels in proportion to a rise in pressure in the braking components of the front wheel or wheels.

2. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the means ~~consist of comprises~~ a hollow cylindrical body (2) having at each end a respective piston head (2a) ~~and (2b) that of a pair of piston heads, the body~~ slides in a leaktight manner inside a bore (1e) in the housing (1), ~~the~~ said body (2) having arrangements allowing ~~the~~ free passage of the fluid from the braking components of the front wheel or wheels to the braking components of the back wheel or wheels and, when the set pressure is reached displacing ~~it the~~ body to prevent the fluid passing into the braking components of the back wheel or wheels.

3. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the arrangements ~~on the body (2) consist of comprise~~ a coaxial bore (2e) that opens out of one of the piston heads (2b) on ~~the a~~ side where ~~the an~~ hydraulic circuit of the braking components of the back wheel or wheels is connected, ~~the~~ said coaxial bore (2e), ~~which~~ communicates with the fluid coming from the braking components of the front wheel or wheels, ~~being and is~~ fitted with a ball (4) controlled by a spring (5) that co-operates with a coaxial finger (6a) of a leaktight closure component (6) fitted in the bore (1e) in the housing (1) such that, depending on the set pressure, the fluid can flow freely or the ~~entire~~ body ~~[[-]]~~ and piston assembly (2) heads can move.

4. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the fluid coming from the braking components of the front wheel or wheels is routed into the bore (1e) in the housing (1) between the ~~two pair of~~ piston heads (2a) and (2b) ~~that~~, which heads define a ring-shaped chamber and is sent to the braking components of the back wheel or wheels between ~~the~~ an end of the one piston head (2b) and the closure component (6).

5. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~claims 1, 2, 3 and~~ claim 4 wherein ~~the a~~ surface of the one piston head (2b) ~~located on the side of the closure component (6)~~ is fitted with pins (2b1) ~~capable of~~ for bearing on ~~the said~~ closure component (6) when the ball (4) abuts against the finger (6a) to allow the free passage of the fluid.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and~~ claim 5 wherein the ~~body-piston assembly (2)~~ body is controlled by an elastic component (3) fitted inside the bore (1e) in the housing (1) and capable of exercising pressure to hold ~~the~~ said body (2) against the closure component (6) allowing the free passage of the fluid, ~~the~~ said elastic component (3) being pre-stressed to a value matching the set pressure.

7. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and~~ claim 6 wherein the closure component (6) is fitted into the bore (1e) in the housing (1) with the capacity to adjust its translation movement in order to ~~make it possible to~~ adjust the pre-stress on the elastic component (3), thereby concomitantly modifying the set pressure.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, claim 6 and 7~~ wherein a first piston head (2a) of said pair, co-operating with the pre-stressed elastic component (3), has a larger diameter than ~~the an~~ other head (2b) of the pair, the bore (1e) in the housing defining two coaxial internal bearings (1e1) ~~(1e2)~~ of different, corresponding diameters.

9. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, claim 6 and 7~~ wherein a first piston head (2a) of said pair, co-operating with the pre-stressed elastic component (3), has a smaller diameter than that of ~~the~~ an other head ~~(2b) of said pair~~, the bore (1e) in the housing (1) defining two coaxial internal bearings ~~(1e1) — (1e2)~~ of different, corresponding diameters.

10. (Currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim ~~16~~ wherein a first piston head (2a) of said pair, co-operating with the pre-stressed elastic component, has ~~the~~ a same diameter as that of ~~the~~ an other head ~~(2b) of said pair~~, the bore (1e) in the housing (1) defining one internal bearing of a corresponding diameter.